

TO: Administrative Entities

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All Funding Sources Administered by DWD

FROM: Leslie G. Fatum, General Counsel

DATE: April 30, 2003

SUBJECT: DWD Policy 2002-47

Restrictions on Lobbying

<u>PURPOSE</u>: To reissue the instructions governing restrictions on lobbying.

RECISSION: DWD Communication # 98-7/August 4, 1998

<u>CONTENT</u>: Federal regulations at 29 C.F.R. § 93.100 <u>et seq.</u> (and identical regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 82.100 <u>et seq.</u>) prohibit the use of appropriated funds for lobbying activities. Specifically, the regulations state as follows:

§ 93.100 Conditions on use of funds.

(a) No appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions: the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

Under § 93.105(o), "recipient' includes all contractors, subcontractors at any tier, and subgrantees at any tier of the recipient of funds received in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement."

Therefore, any contractors, grantees and partners to cooperative agreements receiving federal funding through DWD or ICCSV are covered under these requirements when the amount of the award under a federal contract, grant or cooperative exceeds \$100,000, or the amount of a federal loan exceeds \$150,000 (29 C.F.R. § 93.110). They are required to file a certification and a disclosure form, if appropriate, with each contract or grant. Disclosure forms must be completed whenever non-federal funds are used in lobbying efforts. A person who makes a prohibited

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Dept. of Workforce Development Indiana Government Center South 10 North Senate Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204-2277 Phone: 317/232-7670 FAX: 317/233-4793 TDD: 317/232-7560 http://www.workforce.IN.gov An Equal Opportunity Employer expenditure or fails to file or amend disclosure forms faces civil penalties of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,00 for each such action or omission.

Grant Recipients and Contractors must also obtain certification and disclosure information from subgrantees and subcontractors when making awards of \$100,000 or more. Copies of these completed forms must be retained in Grant Recipient/Contractor files for audit purposes and copies of the disclosure forms should be forwarded to DWD Oversight Division.

Complete copies of the applicable federal regulations, as well as copies of the *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* form (SF LLL) and instructions for its completion can be downloaded from the Code of Federal Regulations website. The specific URL for 29 C.F.R. § 93.100 is: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx 01/29cfr93 01.html

The form and instructions are found in § 93.605, Appendix B, pages 489-91.

Questions regarding this policy and its procedures should be addressed to Leslie G. Fatum, General Counsel, via e-mail (<u>lfatum@dwd.state.in.us</u>) or by phone at (317) 232-0197.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

REVIEW DATE: April 30, 2005

OWNERSHIP: Legal Support

<u>ACTION</u>: All entities described above should be made aware of this policy and procedures. The above recitation of lobbying restrictions is an update of previously existing regulations.